GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSSES TO BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) has suffered losses of crores of rupees on account of the existing international long distance revenue sharing arrangements with private basic operators;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check such losses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The present revenue sharing arrangement for the international long distance calls originated from the network of private basic operators has resulted in huge losses to BSNL as their cost of further carriage of traffic is much more than the revenue share they get. This aspect has been brought to the notice of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and also with private operators by BSNL to revise the revenue sharing arrangement in a way which is fair, just and equitable. The private basic service operators, however, have not agreed to it and have taken up the matter with Telecom disputes and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)